lb) if so, what role the Indian Govem-ment is playing for a settlement between th. two countrie^ so as to stop wai and to settle the dispute mutually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHRl K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Ihe continuance of Iran-Iraq war now in its seventh year has indeed posed a challenge of grave concern to the Nonaligned Movement but has at no stage posed a threat to the existence of NAM as both | Iran and Iraq continue to be its respective ind active Members From the outset, the Government of India has played an active role, both bilaterally and within the Movement, with a view to bringing this tragic conflict to an end. Al the Non aligned Foreign Ministers Conference in New Delh; in February. 1981, India par-licipatcd in the Ministerial Group of four Countries charged with the task of at pting to secure a negotiated settlement. Ar tlie New Delhi Summit in March, 1983. Smt. Indira Gandhi as Chairperion of the Movement issued an appeal to end the war. This appeal was renewed by India in April, 1986 Ministerial Meeting or th-. Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau in New Delhi.

Laying of fence along the Indo-Kangla-desu border

1328. SHRl V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS b,, pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh Government is not cooperatin!i with tbe Government of India in the matter cf laying of thc fenc$_c$ along the Indo-Bane-tadesh border;

(b) whethetr the, issue was discussed* during Bangladesh President's recent vi-.il to Tndia; and

(c) if so, what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HR! K R. NARAYANAN): (a) The fenc^ is to be built entirely $_{on}$ lndian territory. The cooperation $_c$f any other country, accordingly, doss not arise.

(b) and (c) The problem of ihe conti nuing illegal immigration from Bangladesh into India was raised by the Indian side and the Bangladesh side was informed of the steps proposed to be taken to tackle this problem.

Dropping of Napalm bombs on civilian areas by the Sri Lankan Air Force personnel

1329. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will th$_c$ Minisler of EXTERNA! AFFAIRS h, pleased to state:

(a) whelher il is a fa.;' that napalm bombs wer* dropped on the civilian areas by the Sri Lank in air force personnel; anti

(bj if so. whether Uie Governmern of lndia Inve taken up the matter with the Sri Lankan Government?

THE MINTSTER OF STA 111 IN IHE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. P. NARAYANAN); (a) Government have seen press reports about tht reported dropping napalm bombs by Sri-Lankan air force personnel on civilian areas. There is. however, no definite iniormation whh Government fo confirm thes$_e$ reports.

(b) Government have deplored all acts ot violence and have repeatedly conveyed to the Sri Lankan authorities their concern at the violence directed against civilians by the security forces. The question of use of napalm has not, however, been specifically take>n up due to 1i«ck of confirmation regarding the same.

P.M.'s visit to Pakistan

1330. SHRI KAPIL VERMA; Will tht Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased o state whether the Prime Minister has recently received any request from the Governmern of Pakistan to vfsH ! that country?